

**City of Bloomington  
Telecommunications Council  
Business Meeting – October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013**

**Common Council Chambers  
City Hall at the Showers Building  
401 N. Morton St.**

**I. Members Present:** Carl Zager, Thom Gillespie, Eric Ost and Duane Busick

**Members Absent:** None

Note: There is one vacant position available on the Telecommunications Council.

**II. Public Comment** – None

**III. Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Duane Busick to accept the minutes from the September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 meeting. Carl Zager seconded the motion. One correction needs to be made. In the reports and announcements section, it was mentioned that Eric Ost had a meeting with Steve Volan; Thom Gillespie also attended that meeting.

A discussion was held as to which version of minutes the council wished to continue with. All council members agreed that all business and actions which take place at the meetings and statements of that business or actions need to be accurate. All felt that the less wordy version was the best. But the wording for each motion should be included as part of the record, as well as votes for and or against. It was suggested that if a member wanted their statement included in the record they need to make that known during the meeting.

Duane Busick amended his motion to include a request that from now on a summary version of the minutes be given to the council. Carl Zager again seconded this motion. Question was called; all members were in favor of the motion.

**IV. Reports and Announcements**

**1. Telecom Members**

Carl Zager – Discussed the issue in the reduction of news that the public has access too. It was stressed how important the PEG channels are and how CATS has done a wonderful job supporting those channels. On September 24<sup>th</sup>, at the Indiana School Board Association meeting in Indianapolis, a lady named Karen Francisco spoke. She runs the editorial page of the Ft. Wayne Gazette. She commented on the 24/7 access to information that we all have. She gave detailed numbers on how we are losing daily newspapers each year. The reason being there are fewer storytellers, writers, and reporters. If we don't have these people information will not be conveyed. It was also brought up in the discussion about the difference between printed newspapers and online subscription and the concern of the content each hold. Duane Busick commented that in this community CATS is a resource that gives us unfiltered information, straight from the policymakers. All have the opportunity to view government meetings online, or stream them later or watch them live at home. It is a very precious resource.

**2. CATS – Martin O'Neil**

\* Local programming list was read.

\* A big thank you was given to the CATS crews for all their hard work and the long hours put in covering the Lotus Festival,

\* Numbers for the month:

~Community events = 35

~Governmental Meetings = 32

~Patron programs = 130

~PSA = 4

~ Program duplications = 840

A question was raised about the number of program duplications if that number included governmental meetings. Mr. O'Neil said he would have to go back and look. An inquiry was also made about how much of the Lotus festival ran live. It was stated that everything from the Buskirk Chumley Theater on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday was live.

**3. WTIU – No report**

**V. Information from or about Video Service Provider** – No Report

**VI. Old Business**

1. A work session was held on September 17<sup>th</sup>. The group worked on the language in the report that will be given to the Board of Public Works, the Common Council, and the Mayor's office. A copy of the final report will be attached to the minutes of the October meeting.

Duane Busick made a motion to approve the final language of the document and to go ahead and forward the document on to the bodies the document is meant for. Carl Zager seconded the motion. No discussion was held. Question was called and all members were in favor.

2. A letter to the Board of Public Works was also created requesting funds for Susan Crawford to come and do a public talk.

Eric Ost made a motion to approve the letter and for it to be sent to the Board of Public Works. Duane Busick seconded the motion. A discussion was held that the Board of Public Works would need a breakdown of the actual budget needed for the public talk. Thom Gillespie would get in touch with Susan Crawford and get an itemized list of what would be needed, and also check her availability. He would also contact the Buskirk Chumley for the cost of use for the public talk, possibly in 2014. It was suggested that advertising also be considered in the budget. A narrative would be added to the letter stating that the budget for the public talk would not exceed \$6,000.00.

The motion was amended to include that an attachment with an itemized budget be put with the letter. Question was called, and all members were in favor.

**VII. New Business** - None

**VII. Adjournment**

Thom Gillespie adjourned the meeting.

**Next Regular Meeting**

November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**Note Room Change**

McCloskey Room in City Hall at the Showers Building  
401 N. Morton St.

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October 7, 2013

**VIA U.S. Mail**

City of Bloomington  
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Bloomington, IN 47404

**RE: Video Service Provider Fee Remittances**

Dear Sir or Madam:

INDIANA BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY INC ("AT&T") recently discovered an error in its reporting of revenue on its video service provider fees ("fees") filings to your jurisdiction (in some jurisdictions video service provider fees may be referred to as franchise fees). The error resulted in AT&T making an overpayment to your jurisdiction.

The error occurred in AT&T's internal systems used to issue credits to customers who had problems with their service or were otherwise entitled to a reduction in their charges. When a customer was issued a refund of service charges and applicable taxes and fees, AT&T's internal systems generated the credit to the customer, but did not correspondingly deduct the credited revenue from the amount reported to your jurisdiction on AT&T's fees filings. As a result, the amount of revenue we reported was higher than the actual amount of revenue we received.

Because fees are calculated as a percentage of the gross revenue AT&T receives from the U-verse TV service, AT&T overpaid fees to your jurisdiction. The problem was corrected in July 2013, but in the year period prior to that, AT&T remitted fees to your jurisdiction that produced an overpayment totaling \$8,692.75. To correct this overpayment, AT&T will be taking a credit on its next filing in the amount shown above.

Customers' bills were properly credited during this time, and are unaffected by this error.

AT&T takes seriously its obligations to comply with state and requirements to remit fees to local jurisdictions, and we make every effort to ensure the accuracy of our remittances. Unfortunately, errors do sometimes occur. AT&T apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause. We hope this advance notice will assist you in understanding the reason for the reduced remittance in the upcoming filing.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (561) 775-4319 or your local AT&T External Affairs representative.

Sincerely,

INDIANA BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY INC

*Linda Fisher*

Linda Fisher  
Assistant Secretary and Director, Tax